#### FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Oct 21 - Thu, Oct 27

# **PART ONE**

The following action has been taken by the United States Trotting Association. This information is in an abbreviated form.

\*\*\* NO RECORDS FOUND \*\*\*

# PART TWO - MAJOR PENALTIES

The following actions published herein and imposed pursuant to the rules and regulations of the racing commissions of the various states and provinces are given full faith and credit and strictly enforced by the United States Trotting Association consistent with the provisions of USTA Rule 22, Sections 7 and 8 relative to RECIPROCITY OF PENALTIES. The fact that there is no separate action taken by the USTA in the form of a "ruling of reciprocity" shall not be construed as a failure to recognize and/or reciprocate with these published penalties. Please note that the following action is in an abbreviated form and that the USTA is not responsible for the accuracy or timeliness of reported penalties. Further information may be available by contacting the racing commission where the ruling was issued to determine the accuracy of the information.

**COLLAZO, LUIS E** 

**EASTON, PA** 

**YOB 1967** 

**PHL** on 10/24/2022

**FINED: \$50** 

INDEFINITE SUSPENSION(IND) AS OF 11/5/2022

#### FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE

PA Code Title 7-203.23(b) 203.11 Failure to complete PA owner licensing requirement. The penalties are a \$50 fine (fines are due within ten days of ruling) and an indefinite full suspension beginning November 5, 2022. Appeals are due within ten days of ruling and must be submitted in writing (accompanied by a \$750 bond) to: The PA State Horse Racing Commission, 2301 N. Cameron St., Room 304, Harrisburg, PA ATTN: Anthony Salerno

COPSE, DENIS

**CO LIMERICK** 

**YOB 1984** 

**PHL** on 10/24/2022

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DAVIS, STEPHEN H

WATERLOO, ON

**YOB 1970** 

**Haw** on 10/6/2022

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 10/25/2022

#### **OTHER**

Having failed to complete 2022 IRB licensing requirements (submit fingerprints), the owner's license of Stephen Davis is suspended.

Status as of 10/25/2022 - Subsequent Ruling - Having complied with 2022 IRB licensing requirements (submit fingerprints), owner Stephen H. Davis is hereby restored to good standing in the state of Illinois.

**DECOTIS, CHRISTIE S** 

MIDDLETON. MA

**PHL** on 10/24/2022

FINED: \$50

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# FITZGERALD, JOHN H

# MARYSVILLE, OH

**YOB 1955** 

**ScD** on 9/13/2022

WARNING ISSUED

#### **POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE**

OSRC-3769-18-01-B(18A), 18-02. Blood sample #907849 was tested by the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture ATL and was found to contain flunixin, a Class 4 drug, at a concentration level of 25 nanograms per milliliter of plasma, which exceeds the Regulatory threshold of 20 nanograms per milliliter of plasma that was adopted by the OSRC for flunixin. Sample #907849 was collected from #7 Flyin Fitz, who finished 1stin race 7 on 9/13/22 at Scioto Downs, and was trained by Mr. Fitzgerald. A first offense of a NSAID within 365 days in Ohio is a written warning. Thus, Mr. Fitzgerald is issued a warning. Mr. Fitzgerald has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

# **GROCE, CHARLES E II**

FELTON, DE

**YOB 1960** 

**Mea** on 7/30/2022

FINED: \$250

#### MEDICATION PROCEDURE VIOLATION

PA Code Title-7 203.22, 401.2(a)(2), 401.5 On July 30, 2022, Mr. Groce was observed by Commission Investigators in the barn area administering an electrolyte paste to the horse LAST GLOW who was in to go in race 4 at the Meadows that afternoon. LAST GLOW was scratched by the judges. Mr. Groce is fined \$250.00 for this violation which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Groce has accepted a waiver agreeing to the penalty.

# HITCHCOCK, MICHAEL G

**SOUTH VIENNA, OH** 

**YOB 1975** 

**ScD** on 9/15/2022

WARNING ISSUED

#### POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

OSRC-3769-18-01-B-(18A), 18-02. Blood sample #907866 was tested by the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture ATL and was found to contain ketoprofen at a concentration level of 5.1 nanograms per milliliter of plasma, which exceeds the Regulatory threshold of 2 nanograms per milliliter of plasma that was adopted by the OSRC for ketoprofen. Sample #907866 was collected from #10 Seaside Meditation, who finished 1st on 09/15/22 in race 10 at Scioto Downs, and was trained by Mr. Hitchcock. A first offense of a NSAID within 365 days in Ohio is a written warning. Thus, Mr. Hitchcock is given a warning. Mr. Hitchcock has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

MCKENZIE, PHILIP SCOTT

SCARBOROUGH, ME

**PHL** on 10/24/2022

FINED: \$50

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### MERRIMAN, AARON E

# NORTHFIELD, OH

**YOB 1978** 

**Mea** on 10/18/2022

FINED: \$200

#### LATE FOR THE BREATH ANALYZER TEST

PA Code Title 7-203.5 Mr. Merriman was late for the breathalyzer prior to race 1 on 10/18/2022 at the Meadows. Mr. Merriman is fined \$200.00 which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Merriman has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania SHRC, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

## MERTON, THOMAS L

# **MONTICELLO, NY**

**YOB 1968** 

MR on 9/10/2018

FINED: \$100

# IMPROPER CONDUCT OR LANGUAGE TO AN OFFICIAL

On September 10, 2018 while in the paddock at Monticello Raceway, you failed to conduct yourself in a forthright and gentlemanly manner.

#### RUCKER, DR. KENNETH M MD

RIVER FALLS, WI

**YOB 1951** 

**Haw** on 9/9/2022

RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF

10/23/2022

#### **FAILURE TO OBTAIN PROPER LICENSE**

Having failed to complete 2022 IRB licensing requirements (submit permanent application), the temporary owner's license of Kenneth Rucker is hereby suspended.

Status as of 10/23/2022 - Subsequent Ruling - Having complied with 2022 IRB licensing requirements (submit permanent application), owner Kenneth M. Rucker (MD.) is hereby restored to good standing in the state of Illinois.

# SMITH, JESSICA A

XENIA, OH

**YOB 1977** 

**DTN** on 9/27/2022

FINED: \$100

#### POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

OSRC-3769-18-01-B(18A),18-02. Blood sample #898542 was tested by the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture ATL and was found to contain ketoprofen, a Class 4 drug, at a concentration level of 36 nanograms per milliliter of plasma, which exceeds the Regulatory threshold of 2 nanograms per milliliter of plasma that was adopted by the OSRC. Sample #898542 was collected from #3 Darkside Ofthemoon, who finished 1st on 9/27/22 in race 9 at Dayton Raceway, and was trained by Ms. Smith. A SECOND OFFENSE of a NSAID in Ohio within 365 days is a \$100 fine, which must be paid within 10 days of this ruling. Ms. Smith has 48 hours to appeal this decision to the OSRC.

#### SPYCHALA, ERIN

# PINCKNEY, MI

**YOB 1995** 

**Nor** on 10/21/2022

REVOCATION(REV) AS OF 10/21/2022

#### CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO THE BEST INTEREST OF HORSE RACING

MGCB Ruling 7528 - Erin Spychala (Spychala) is hereby ruled off all grounds live and/or simulcast that are under the jurisdiction of the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended. To be served 10/21/2022 through 10/21/2023. Horses, Bettors Choice and Vega Star N, are ineligible to participate at this time. All transfer of horses must be approved by the MGCB Stewards prior to entry. Spychala has not conducted herself in a manner befitting the best interest of horse racing and in a manner that undermines public confidence. Spychala represented herself as a graduate from a Michigan State University veterinarian school. Multiple persons understood her to be a veterinarian and Spychala treated at least one horse with an injection.

# PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

CRAIB, CLAY A

ANDERSON, IN

**YOB 1995** 

**HoP** on 10/20/2022

FINED: \$200

# **EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

71 IAC 7-3-13 (d)(2) While driving Jailhouse Garland Mr. Craib used his whip in a excessive manner.

DE LONG. JOHN J

ANDERSON. IN

**YOB 1989** 

**HoP** on 10/22/2022

FINED: \$300

#### **EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

71 IAC 7-3-13(c)(5) Driver John Delong while driving Crook Boyzz in the 14th race used his whip in a excessive manner.

**GENOIS, STEEVEN** 

LEVIS, QC

**YOB 1988** 

**VD** on 10/21/2022

FINED: \$250

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP** 

GINGRAS, YANNICK

**ALLENTOWN, NJ** 

**YOB 1979** 

**PRc** on 10/24/2022

FINED: \$200

#### **OTHER**

USTA Rule 18.00 S18.08 (b) 10. On 10/24/2022 at PRC, while driving No.5 ROOSTER BENNETT in Race 4, driver Yannick Gingras did place the whip between the horses legs in the stretch. (1st offense). As a result of the violation Mr. Gingras is hereby fined \$200.00. Subsequent violations will result in increased penalties. All fines are due within 48 hours of imposition.

**GREENE, MICHAEL A** 

LAUREL, DE

**YOB 1968** 

**RcR** on 10/20/2022

FINED: \$100

#### **EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Driver Michael Greene is fined \$100.00 for excessive use of the whip while driving IN RECORD TIME in the 8th race on October 20th, 2022 at Rosecroft Raceway. All fines are due within 10 days of ruling or Maryland Racing Commission licensee will be suspended until payment is received. COMAR: 09.10.03.03 A(14)

MACOMBER, RICHARD L JR **YOB 1970** FISHERS, IN

**HoP** on 10/20/2022 FINED: \$200

OTHER

71 IAC 7-3-13 13(d)(s) While driving Luckisontheway Mr. Macomber left welts.

**MONTI, ANDREW** DEPEW, NY **YOB 1994** 

**PRc** on 10/25/2022 FINED: \$200

#### **INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

USTA Rule 18.00 S18.08 (b) 10. On 10/25/2022 at PRC. while driving No.2 FRANCO TRISTAN N in Race 4, driver Drew Monti did place the whip between the horses legs in the stretch. (1st offense). As a result of the violation Mr. Monti is hereby fined \$200.00. Subsequent violation will result in additional penalties. All fines are due within 48 hours of imposition.

PANTALEANO, JAMES R CANONSBURG, PA **YOB 1962** 

FINED: \$200 **Mea** on 10/20/2022

#### **INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

PA Code Title 7-205.409(c) While driving No. 5 SOLARCTIC in race 8 on 10/20/2022 at the Meadows, Mr. Pantaleano did whip the horse using other than wrist and elbow action while in the stretch. Mr. Pantaleano is fined \$200.00 which is due within 10 days of this ruling. Mr. Pantaleano has 10 days to appeal this decision to the Pennsylvania SHRC, Bureau of Standardbred Racing.

STILL, RICK **CAMDEN WYOMING, DE YOB 1971** 

RcR on 10/20/2022 FINED: \$100

# **EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Driver Rick Still is fined \$100.00 for excessive use of the whip while driving JK OBJECTION in the 10th race on October 20th, 2022 at Rosecroft Raceway. All fines are due within 10 days of ruling or Maryland Racing Commission licensee will be suspended until payment is received. COMAR: 09.10.03.03 A(14)

**YOB 1993** 

HARTLEY, DE THOMPSON, JASON E

FINED: \$200 **Har** on 10/18/2022

#### **EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP**

Driver Jason Thompson, having waived his right to a Judge's hearing, is fined \$200 for exceeding the 3 whip maximum between the 1/4 pole and the 7/8 pole while driving MRS TEACHEY in the 6th race on 10/18/2022 at Harrington Raceway (see DHRC rule: 7.6.13.14.1.3). All fines to be paid 10 days of receipt of ruling.

WHITNEY, TODD C

AUBURN, ME FINED: \$300 **YOB 1962** 

**PRc** on 10/23/2022

PRC 011 10/23/2022

**OTHER** 

Penn Gaming 2022 Rules. On 10/23/2022 at PRC, while driving No.4 SEE YOU FRIDAY in Race 5, driver Todd Whitney did leave welts on his horse. (1st offense). As a result of the violation Mr. Whitney is hereby fined \$300.00. Subsequent violations will result in additional fines. All fines are due within 48 hours of imposition.

WISHARD, JOSEPH V

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY

**YOB 1979** 

**PRc** on 10/20/2022

FINED: \$200

# **INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP**

USTA Rule 18.00 S18.08 (b) 10. On 10/20/2022 at PRC, while driving No.2 THE LINDY TREATY in Race 5, driver Joe Wishard did place the whip between the horses legs in the stretch. As a result of the violation Mr. Wishard is hereby fined \$200.00. Subsequent violations will result in additional fines. All fines are due within 48 hours of imposition.

WISHER, ADRIAN A JR.

MIDDLETOWN, DE

**YOB 1990** 

**PHL** on 10/16/2022

FINED: \$200

**EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP** 

PA Code Title 7-205.409(c) Mr. Wisher, Jr. raised his whip above shoulder height while driving #4, ROCK IDOL, in the 8th race on October 16, 2022 at Harrah`s Philadelphia. Mr. Wisher, Jr. is fined \$200 (fines are due within ten days of ruling). Mr. Wisher, Jr. was given an opportunity for a hearing, but failed to appear. Appeals are due within ten days of ruling and must be submitted in writing (accompanied by a \$750 bond) to: The PA State Horse Racing Commission, 2301 N. Cameron St., Room 304, Harrisburg, PA 17110 ATTN: Anthony Salerno

# PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

AHLE, JOHNATHAN P MANCHESTER, NJ

**YOB 1997** 

**PHL** on 10/23/2022

FINED: \$200

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** 

ALLARD, SIMON PITTSTON, PA
PHL on 10/20/2022 FINED: \$200

**YOB 1982** 

FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POST PARADE

ANNUNZIATA, MICHAEL MAHOPAC, NY

YOB 1977

**MR** on 10/25/2022 FINED: \$250

LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN

BARTLETT, JASON JAMES

**GOSHEN, NY** 

**YR** on 9/23/2022 DRIVING - 5 DAYS, 11/2/2022 THRU 11/6/2022

TAKE UP ABRUPTLY/SIT DOWN IN FRONT OF HORSES CAUSING CONFUSION AMONG TRAILING HORSES

**BECKWITH, BRETT M** WILTON, NY **YOB 2003** 

**Stga** on 10/24/2022 FINED: \$100

TALKING ON THE RACE TRACK

WINDGAP, PA BENDER, ATLEE E **YOB 1992** 

HoP on 10/26/2022 FINED: \$200

**INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION** 

BOURGAULT, FREDERICK SCOTT, QC **YOB 1998** 

FINED: \$200 **MR** on 10/25/2022

LATE DRIVER CHANGE

DEATON, ELLIOTT D SOMERVILLE, OH **YOB 1965** 

**Nfld** on 10/10/2022 FINED: \$250

SELLING OR TRANSFERRING CLAIMED HORSE WITHIN THE SPECIFIED NUMBER

OF DAYS

COCONUT CREEK, FL **YOB 1962** 

DETERS, MICHAEL D
PcD on 10/22/2022 FINED: \$100 FAILURE TO HAVE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED

DONOWAY, DECLAN S SALISBURY, MD **YOB 2000** 

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 10/30/2022 THRU 11/1/2022 **RcR** on 10/20/2022

**HORSE PLACED 8** 

CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE

DUBOIS, CHRISTOPHER B **YOB 2002** MECHANIC FALLS, ME

**PRc** on 10/25/2022 FINED: \$100

LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION BARN

**PRc** on 10/25/2022 FINED: \$100

HORSE LATE TO THE PADDOCK

CARNEYS POINT, NJ **DUNNING, BRYSON T YOB 2003** 

DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 10/24/2022 THRU 10/26/2022 **Wdstk** on 10/15/2022

**HORSE PLACED 8** 

TAKE UP ABRUPTLY/SIT DOWN IN FRONT OF HORSES CAUSING CONFUSION

**AMONG TRAILING HORSES** 

ESSIG, MELISSA S ALEXANDRIA, IN **YOB 1974** 

**HoP** on 8/23/2022 FINED: \$200 **OTHER** 

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GAZZERRO, JOHN J RcR on 10/20/2022 LATE TO THE PADDOCK	WARWICK, MD FINED: \$100	YOB 1951	
GEORGE, SCOTT TYLER HoP on 4/17/2022 OTHER	SUNBURY, OH FINED: \$1,500	YOB 1985	
HARP, RONALD G VD on 10/21/2022 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN	ONEIDA, NY FINED: \$100 THE STIRRUPS	YOB 1956	
HUFF, JAKE L PRc on 10/25/2022 LATE TO THE LASIX/ DETENTION	MARGATE, FL FINED: \$100 BARN	YOB 1961	
LAFRENIERE, ELISHA A PRc on 10/16/2022 REMOVING HALTER / SHOES	WINCHENDON, MA FINED: \$750	YOB 1979	
LONG, CHRIS H Stga on 10/22/2022	SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY FINED: \$100 HORSE PLACED 4	YOB 1967	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION			
MERRIMAN, AARON E Nfld on 10/23/2022	NORTHFIELD, OH FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 6	YOB 1978	
IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE			
MORGAN, ANTHONY N PHL on 10/23/2022	WARWICK, MD FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 8	YOB 1958	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION			
MYERS, HUNTER R Nfld on 10/18/2022	CHAGRIN FALLS, OH FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 5	YOB 1998	
INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION			
OOSTING, MICHAEL J HoP on 10/12/2022 SLOW QUARTER/HALF	BEECHER, IL FINED: \$200	YOB 1962	

OWEN, JEREMY R HoP on 8/23/2022 OTHER	HINSDALE, IL FINED: \$300	YOB 1959
PERFIDO, RICHARD J Mea on 10/21/2022 FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUC	WASHINGTON, PA FINED: \$100 CTIONS OF A RACING OFFICIAL	YOB 1960
RANGER, BRUCE W PRc on 10/24/2022 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN	WEST GARDINER, ME FINED: \$200 I THE STIRRUPS	YOB 1959
RUIZ, MATIAS S PcD on 10/25/2022 DELAYING THE START	WINDGAP, PA FINED: \$100	YOB 1958
SCHOENTHAL, RONALD Nfld on 10/19/2022 FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUC		YOB 1968
SMITH, TREVOR GENE DTN on 10/21/2022 JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEI	WASHINGTON CH, OH FINED: \$100 ELS	YOB 1996
THOMPSON, JASON E Har on 10/18/2022 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON	HARTLEY, DE FINED: \$50 VIOLATION	YOB 1993
WARREN, RIDGE J Mea on 10/20/2022	WAYNESBURG, PA FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 7	YOB 1988
INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK PHL on 10/23/2022 FINED: \$200 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS		
WHITCROFT, MARK E VD on 10/21/2022 KICKING A HORSE	SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY FINED: \$100	YOB 1962
WHITTEMORE, D JIMMY HoP on 10/13/2022 OTHER	VERNON, NY FINED: \$200	YOB 1983
WRENN, PETER M	CARMEL, IN	YOB 1962

**HoP** on 10/21/2022 FINED: \$200 **INTERFERENCE/ CAUSING ANOTHER HORSE TO MAKE A BREAK** 

WRIGHT, MARIAH N HoP on 9/23/2022 OTHER **DEFIANCE, OH** FINED: \$200